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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE

SUBJECT: Field expenditure in excess of \$5,000, request for

1. In accordance with Article 8, Confidential Fund Regulations, your approval is requested for the expenditure of approximately \$56,000.00 in order to acquire and refit a vessel to broadcast propaganda in support of our Albanian operation.

2. Should this expenditure be approved we would enter into a written agreement with the British as follows:

- (a) British Service to provide cover for the purchase, refit and extended operation;
- (b) OPC to defray costs of purchase and transfer of title of vessel, retaining concealed ownership of same through the British Service to their cover owner;
- (c) British to provide the crew;
- (d) Costs of refit and operating costs to be split fifty-fifty;
- (e) OPC to supply major Communication equipment and maintenance personnel.

3. A suitable vessel has now been located in England and could commence operations in the Mediterranean about 1 March 1950. Policy control over propaganda output would be exercised in the Joint Policy Headquarters in Washington through the Joint Operational Headquarters in Athens.

4. Sufficient money is available in funds budgeted to this operation.

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Policy Coordination

Approved: DEC 23 1949

for the Director Central Intelligence

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